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In re Application of

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This is a decision on the petition, filed February 4, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3). The above-identified application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

The abandoned file is being referred to Files Repository.

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